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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Stephen Moffatt

SERIAL NO.: 10/705,182

FILED: November 10, 2003

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HOLDING
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS FOR LITHOGRAPHY
AND OTHER WAFER PROCESSES

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 2881

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§ EXAMINER: J. L. Smith

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**AMENDMENT "A" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicant's Amendment "A" in response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response of June 17, 2004. Amendment "A" transmitted herewith is accompanied by a three month Petition for Extension of Time to Respond, to extend the time for response through September 17, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as U.S. EXPRESS MAIL NO. ED 273489537 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment (With Fee), Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 20, 2004

Shirley L. Church, Reg. No. 31,858

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER <u>AMENDMENT</u>		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY <u>PAID FOR</u>		PRESENT <u>EXTRA</u>		<u>RATE</u>	ADDITIONAL <u>FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	34	minus	40	=	0	x	\$18.00	\$00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	minus	6	=	0	x	\$86.00	\$00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0				\$290.00	\$00.00
EXTENSION OF TIME 3 MONTH							\$950.00	\$950.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT								\$950.00

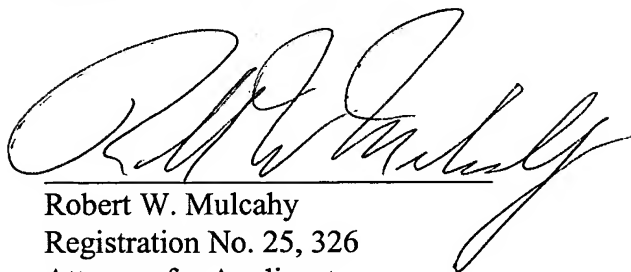
Enclosed is Check No. 2556 in the amount of \$475.00, which is being paid by applicants' attorney, leaving \$475.00 to be paid toward the three month Extension of Time. The remaining \$475.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1074 of Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California. Any additional fees which may be due, and any overpayment due is to be credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1074 of Applied Materials Inc., Santa Clara, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. W. Mulcahy', written over a horizontal line.

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Claims 1 - 40 are pending in the application.

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Claims 1 - 9, 11 - 14, 17, 19, 21, and 23 - 40 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,452,177, to Frutiger.

Claims 10, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 22 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frutiger, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,581,324, to Miyai et al.

Please amend the application as follows: